

What I claim is:

1. A staple puller for removing a wire staple from a stack of pages, comprising:
a first jaw member having a first side wall with a front end portion and a back end portion, the front end portion of the first side wall having a first tooth that is configured to slide under the staple, the first side wall also having a first clamping surface;
a second jaw member having a second side wall with a front end portion and a back end portion, the front end portion of the second side wall having a second tooth that is configured to slide under the staple, the second side wall also having a second clamping surface; and
means for pivotably connecting the first and second jaw members so that they are movable with respect to one another between an open position and a closed position, the first and second teeth being disposed side by side in the closed position and the first and second clamping surfaces facing one another in the closed position so as to permit the wire of the staple to be gripped between the clamping surfaces if the staple has been removed only partially from the stack of pages.
2. The staple puller of claim 1, wherein the first side wall has a first hole between the front end portion and back end portion thereof, wherein the second side wall has a second hole between the front end portion and back end portion thereof, and wherein the means for pivotably connecting extends through the first and second holes.
3. The staple puller of claim 2, wherein the means for pivotably connecting comprises a rivet.
4. The staple puller of claim 3, further comprising a spring that urges the first and second jaw members toward the open position.
5. The staple puller of claim 4, further comprising a first plastic finger grip attached to the first jaw member and a second plastic finger grip attached to the second jaw member.
6. The staple puller of claim 2, wherein the first and second clamping surfaces are located at the back end portions of the first and second side walls, respectively.
7. The staple puller of claim 6, wherein the first side wall has a slot and a flange at an edge of the slot, the flange providing the first clamping surface.

8. The staple puller of claim 6, wherein the first side wall has a major portion that lies substantially in a plane, and the flange extends transverse to the plane.

9. The staple puller of claim 1, wherein the first side wall has a major portion that lies substantially in a plane, and a flange that extends transverse to the plane, the first clamping surface being located on the flange.

10. The staple puller of claim 1, wherein the first and second jaw members are made from sheet metal.

11. An improved staple puller of the type that includes first and second jaw members that are made from sheet metal, and means for pivotably connecting the first and second jaw members so that they are movable between an open position and a closed position, the first jaw member having side walls with teeth and the second jaw member having side walls with teeth, the teeth of the first jaw member being disposed between the teeth of the second jaw member when the jaw members are in their closed position, wherein the improvement comprises:

at least one of the side walls has a bent flange that provides a clamping surface, the clamping surface provide by the flange being aligned with an edge of another of the side walls.